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JOSEPH NORELLI NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF NLRB'S SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL OFFICE

The National Labor Relations Board today announced the appointment of Joseph P. Norelli as Regional Director of the Agency's Regional Office in San Francisco, CA (Region 20). Mr. Norelli has been serving since 1994 as Regional Attorney in that office. He succeeds Regional Director Robert H. Miller who successfully served as the Director of the San Francisco Region for a period of nearly 24 years until his retirement which will be effective September 3, 2005.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and it investigates, prosecutes, and remedies unfair labor practices. As Regional Director, Mr. Norelli will be responsible for the processing of unfair labor practice charges and representation petitions in 27 counties in northern California, the state of Hawaii and the U.S. Territories in the Pacific.

Mr. Norelli joined the NLRB as an attorney in the Office of Appeals in 1973. He transferred to the Division of Enforcement Litigation, Appellate Court Branch, in 1976. He was promoted to Supervisory Attorney in the Division of Advice, Injunction Litigation Branch, in 1979 and was promoted to Deputy Assistant General Counsel in that office in 1980. Mr. Norelli transferred to Region 20 as a Field Attorney in 1983. He was promoted to Deputy Regional Attorney in the Oakland, CA Regional Office (Region 32) in 1989 and to Regional Attorney in Region 20 in 1994.

In announcing the appointment NLRB Chairman Robert J. Battista and Acting General Counsel Arthur F. Rosenfeld stated:

We are delighted to announce Joe Norelli's appointment to the Regional Director position in our San Francisco office. He is a gifted attorney who has demonstrated exceptional managerial ability. As Regional Attorney, he has been instrumental in the Region's fine performance over the years and we are confident that under his leadership the Region will continue to successfully effectuate the National Labor Relations Act.

A native of Mt. Vernon, NY, Mr. Norelli received a B.S. degree from Cornell University in 1970 and a J.D. degree from Fordham Law School in 1973.

Mr. Norelli and his wife, Nancy, have two adult sons, Michael and Jason, and adult twin daughters, Lisa and Jessica.